

Public Notice of Missouri's Nonpoint Source Management Plan

Beginning Date: April 23, 2015 **Ending Date:** May 22, 2015

Public Notice Period: A thirty-day public notice of Missouri's Nonpoint Source Management Plan (Plan) will begin on April 23, 2015.

Purpose: A draft copy of Missouri's Nonpoint Source Management Plan is available for public review and comment. This five-year plan will serve as Missouri's guiding document for nonpoint source water pollution remediation and protection and reflects the department's commitment to the statewide watershed planning efforts. The public and interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in this process and provide written comments if they have concerns regarding aspects of the plan or if they would like to provide support for the process. The department will accept written comments regarding the Nonpoint Source Management Plan through May 22, 2015.

Description: Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act establishes a national program to address nonpoint sources of water pollution, which are the leading cause of water quality degradation in the United States. From 2011-2013, EPA conducted a national reform of the nonpoint source program and all state programs, including Missouri's, are impacted by this reform. A new nonpoint source management plan has been developed to reflect new state and national priorities within the guidelines provided by EPA.

An EPA approved nonpoint source management plan is required to receive and expend grant funding under Section 319(h) of the Act. Water quality partners and stakeholders are invited to comment on Missouri's new plan to restore and protect waters impacted by nonpoint source pollution.

To Obtain a Copy: Copies of the draft Missouri Nonpoint Source Management Plan can be obtained in PDF format at our website http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/nps/mgmtplan/index.html

Address: Comments should be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, Soil and Water Conservation Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176 or by email to darlene.schaben@dnr.mo.gov. Emails should provide contact information of the sender (i.e., name, mailing address, phone number) and include "Nonpoint Source Management Plan" in the subject line.

For more Information: For more information on nonpoint source issues, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website at http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/index.cfm